I hereby certify that this co ondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Attorney Docket No.:2307AA-031220U Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 7-22-99 IN THE UNITED STATES PATE AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of: BAEKKESKOV et al. Examiner: Mary R. Tung Application No.: 08/838,486 Art Unit: 1644 Filed: April 7, 1997 PETITION TO EXTEND TIME For: IMPROVED METHODS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF DIABETES **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated Janury 22, 1999 for three months, from April 22, 1999 to July 22, 1999. A response is enclosed herewith. Please charge the fee of \$435 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in duplicate. Respectfully submitted.

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